

CFR §1.136(a); the Applicants petition for a three month extension of the response period to June 28, 2001. This response is timely filed within the properly extended statutory period, via U.S. Express Mail on Wednesday, June 27, 2001, per 37 CFR §§1.7 and 1.10, with the proper extension fee included herewith. No additional fees are required with this amendment and response.

REPLACEMENT CLAIMS

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1. An enriched alpha-acid hop extract product free of organic solvent and formed from a carbon dioxide extraction of whole hops, the enriched alpha-acid hop extract product having:
an alpha-acids concentration supplemented by the addition of purified alpha-acids, the resultant alpha-acids concentration greater than 60% by weight;
a total beta-acids concentration of less than 20% by weight; and
a total hop essential oils concentration in excess of 1% by weight.

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16. An enriched alpha-acid hop extract product having:
a first whole hop extract component produced through a carbon dioxide solvent extraction, the whole hop extract component including alpha-acids, beta acids and hop essential oils, hard resins and waxes;
a purified alpha acids component formed from a refined portion of an organic solvent free, second whole hop extract component,
the purified alpha acids component stabilized in storage by the first whole hop extract component; and
the enriched alpha acid-hop extract having a total alpha-acids concentration greater than 60% by